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PATENT

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In re: Ahuja et al.

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For: *Screening for Disease Susceptibility by Genotyping the CCR5 and CCR2 Genes**Via facsimile 571-273-8300*

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

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RESPONSE

Sir:

This is responsive to the June 21, 2005 Office Action issued regarding the above-referenced patent application. Also enclosed is a Revocation of Power of Attorney and New Power of Attorney by Assignee (three documents total), executed by each of the three respective assignees for the application. Please enter these documents and consider the following remarks.

RESTRICTION OF CLAIMS

The Office Action states that the application contains the following groups of inventions, which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

Group 1, claims 38-48 and 61-62, drawn to nucleic acid segments for identifying all of the CCR5 haplotype groups set forth in claim 38.

Group 2, claims 49-60, drawn to methods of identifying the CCR5 haplotype group of a human subject.

Applicants provisionally elect Group 2 (claims 49-60) with traverse. The traversal is on the basis that the Examiner has not demonstrated that the claims of Groups 1 and 2 do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.